PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Atsunori KITAZAWA, et al. Docket No. Q78301

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For: FIXING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.